

**Multi-type Reference Group
Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 2015
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Members Present: Melissa Chiavaroli (Cumberland, Co-chair), Jane Granatino (Barrington, Co-chair), Amanda Izenstark (URI), Beatrice Pulliam (PPL), Alicia Waters (OLIS)

Members Absent: Heidi Blais (Cranston East HS), Patricia Brennan (RIC), Maura Keating (Bryant), Lisa Zawadski (Cranston PL)

1. Discussion of charge and goals for 2015-2016

The group discussed the lack of a formal charge, and planned to address this. Term limits had been previously discussed and voted on. Discussion of the nature of the group ensued, including whether a change to the format would be beneficial, such as opening the group up and providing programming similar to the Adult Services and YART committees, and keeping an executive board to work on planning. This would allow more continuing education opportunities for both professionals and paraprofessionals with a reference focus. For example, provide an opportunity every two months or so.

The group determined that reorganizing the group as a Round Table would better serve the needs of the library community. The group discussed potential programming, such as a “Reference refresher,” AskRI, weeding, and marketing collections. Inviting speakers would also be a useful format, such as vendor representatives, professional development, speakers on personnel issues, management and leadership, etc.

The group discussed locations for the next meeting and events. For meetings, Cranston and William Hall seemed appropriate.

2. Fall Professional Development Program

The group planned for the first open event, on AskRI hosted by Beatrice Pulliam, to be November 17, 1:30-3:30, potentially at William Hall.

3. RILA Conference Opportunities

This discussion was postponed to the next meeting.

4. News from the Membership

URI: The new Dean of Libraries, Karim Boughida, formerly of George Washington University in Washington, D.C. started in August.

Barrington: Funding for renovations for the first floor and children's room is expected in 2016. Offices will be moved and the Children's Room will gain space. The library will be open during renovations.

PPL: A complete renovation will be starting in 2017, including changing public spaces, adding gallery spaces, and moving service points. PPL will also be the site for the Genealogy Roadshow in October, which will include filming by PBS. On October 14th, there will be a public Genealogy 101 program.

OLIS: FirstSearch is being discontinued; preliminary training on WorldCat is starting. RELAIS has been discontinued.

Cumberland: Hoping the Rhode Island Room with the BISAC test will be done on November 1, making the non-fiction collection accessible via a bookstore-inspired organization model.

The next meeting will be a virtual meeting on October 15, 2015 from 10-12 on WebEx.